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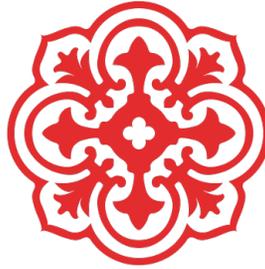
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A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR



Praying with the Earth

I found a wonderful book of simple morning and evening prayers when I visited Iona, written by John Philip Newell, a scholar of Celtic Christianity (Newell, John Philip, *Praying with the Earth*, Norwich, UK: Canterbury Press, 2011). Each day focuses on one of the Beatitudes, and Newell weaves in appropriate short scripture from Hebrew Bible (what Christians call the "Old Testament") and the Koran. His attention to nature, and to the human longing for peace across religions, speaks to me. So does the art, drawn from the Lindisfarne Gospels, the Golden Haggadah, and a 14th century Islamic mosaic from Alhambra, Spain-beautiful geometric patterns of interwoven colors and designs. I offer you a sample, from Friday morning, hoping the prayers will be of use.

Blessed are the forgiving, for they are free (Matthew 5:7)

Prayer of Awareness

At the beginning of the day
we seek your countenance among us, O God,
in the countless forms of creation all around us
in the sun's rising glory
in the face of friend and stranger.
Your presence within every presence
your Light within all light
your Heart at the heart of this moment.
May the fresh light of morning wash our sight
that we may see your Life
in every life this day.

Followed by an invitation to "be still and aware," then very short verses from the three traditions,

then a Prayer for the Life of the World, and then a blessing

Prayer for the life of the World

It is when we are still
that we know
It is when we listen
that we hear.
It is when we remember
that we see your light, O God.
From your Stillness
we come.
With your Sound
all life quivers with being.
From you
the light of this moment shines.
Grant us to remember you at the heart of each moment.
Grant us to remember.

Prayer of Blessing

Peace where there is war
healing where there is hurt
memory where we have forgotten the other.
Vision where there is violence
light where there is madness
sight where we have blinded each other.
Comfort where there is sorrow
tears where there is hardness
laughter where we have missed life's joy
laughter when we remember the joy.

Peace,
Allison

Interim's office hours for the Summer:

Day off Fridays instead of Mondays for the summer
Office hours Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10-12
Wednesday afternoons 3-7
appointments, visits, etc. at other times (contact Allison)

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION



Strengthen, O Lord, your servant. with your Holy Spirit; empower her for your service; and sustain her all the days of her life. Amen.

This is one of the prayers said by a bishop as she or he lays hands on believers at confirmation. In 2017-8 at least twelve eighth graders will be preparing for confirmation. Their task this summer is to find a sponsor, an adult who attends church regularly and who will meet with confirmands at least three times in the next year for about 45 minutes each time. They will also be expected to meet monthly during the school year, to participate actively in church, to help with a ministry in St. Barnabas, to take on a service project in the wider community, and to attend a Nightwatch program at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

We hope as the year progresses that confirmands will be willing to share some of their activities and insights with the whole congregation.

'River Towns for Refugees' Mtg TONIGHT July 27th

'River Towns for Refugees' Mtg Thursday July 27th

St Barnabas parishioners have been contributing furniture and other goods in support of refugee families being resettled in the tri-state area and we are exploring doing more, in partnership with faith communities across the river towns. If you want to help these new American families find a better life in our country, join us!



Next meeting: Colwell Hall
TONIGHT, July 27th @ 7:30 PM

Outdoor Family Supper and Eucharist: Sunday, August 13th



"Mass on the Grass" was a hit!

Our first informal Eucharist was indeed outside, with eighteen people ranging from 4 to more than 40 (or 50, or 60!), a meaningful conversation across ages about the gospel for Sunday . . . everyone seemed engaged and happy!

We learned some things too: a general RSVP would have been helpful-if you're even thinking of coming please call the office by August 10 so that we can provide the right amount of food. And we will be recruiting a helper or two to coordinate set up, food, and clean up. **Everyone's welcome!**

Mark your calendars for our next one on August 13 6pm to 7pm

REMINDER: Register to Vote



Jesus wants you....to vote!

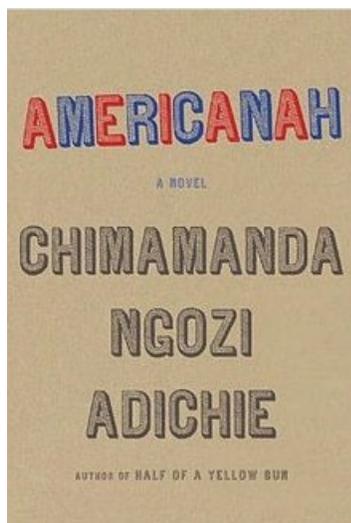
There's a primary election coming up in Westchester County on September 12, and a general election on November 7, 2017. While there's no specific scripture I can use to prove absolutely that Christians should vote (there's no context in Scripture for voting, especially in a democracy!), there are plenty of indications that Jesus cared lots about the Reign, or Kingdom, of God and how Christians should contribute to the well-being of the community and world.

It took me a while to figure out how to register here, so for your convenience here's a link to the New York State Board of Elections: <http://www.elections.ny.gov/>. There's only about a month to register in order to vote in the September 12 primary. Registration forms must be received in the mail or presented in person by at least 25 days ahead of any election.

The deadline to register to vote in the general election is October 13th

Peace,
Allison

BOOK CLUB: SEPTEMBER 27TH



Mark your calendars for the next Saint Barnabas Book Group Meeting on Wednesday, September 27th.

We will be discussing "Americanah" by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. The book is 496pgs, so get started soon!

We will send reminders throughout the summer, but not necessarily weekly, so please mark your calendars!

All are welcome, and if you have any questions, please feel free to email Lea Richardson at Paintmoth@gmail.com

Wednesday 11am Eucharist: Summer Schedule



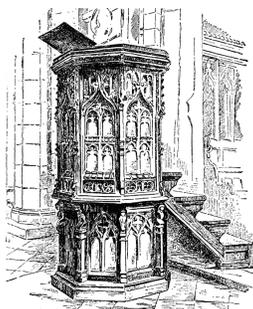
Wednesday 11am Eucharist will continue through September 6.

Informal 30 minute service in the chapel for anyone wanting a bit of peace and inspiration.



Service Times

Sunday, July 30th
9:00 am
Holy Eucharist, Rite I



The Readings

- **Genesis 29:15-28**
- **Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128**
- **Romans 8:26-39**
- **Matthew 13:31-33,44-52**



Goings On

Friday, July 28th
7:30pm - 8:30pm
AA in Roane Room

Saturday, July 29th
9:30am - 10:30am
AA in Colwell Hall

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Sunday, July 30th
7:30pm - 8:30pm
ALANON in Roane Room

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